Hopkinton Conservation Commission April 17, 2012 Meeting 1930 EST Harold Martin School *DRAFT*

Chairman Owen called the meeting to order at 1931 EDT.

Present were: Derek Owen, Lee Wilder, Tim White, Rob Knight, Erick Leadbeater, Ron Klemarczyk and Jed Merrow

Guests: Lucia Kittredge, Dijit Taylor, Bob LaPree and Selectman Denis Goddard. Also Stacy Luke of the MCCD

- 1. Stacy Luke of the MCCD brought a proposal dated 4/16/12 for the control of invasive plants on four separate HCC parcels. Discussion followed. Proposal attached. After we have had a chance to read the document, Erick will coordinate an Email discussion. Stacy will return to the May 2012 HCC Meeting for questions and next steps.
- 2. Members of the Hopkinton Open Space Committee (D. Taylor, L. Kittredge and B. LaPree) demonstrated the Hopkinton Conservation Lands website at: http://hopkintonconservationlands.org/ Discussion followed. Motion was made, seconded and unanimous to thank the Open Space Committee, esp. Lucia and Denis for all their work to get the project this far. Tweaks will be made and we can review.
- 3. Minutes of the March 20, 2012 HCC Meeting were APPROVED (with pronoun correction) as written.
- 4. Ron presented photos that Bob LaPree took of a Kiosk used on conservation land on Second Street in Concord. Interest in trying one of these on the Bohanan Lot. Discussion followed. Possible Eagle Scout Project. Motion made and seconded for Ron to check this out.
- 5. Map 243Lot 44, currently owned by the Town. The Bohanans have approached the Selectmen re its purchase. Several HCC members met with glen Bohanan and walked the lot at 5 PM Monday (3/26/12). Lots of interest in this parcel being added to the existing Bohanan Lot as Conservation Lands.
- 6. Rob and Lee attended the 2012 Saving Special Places workshop at John Stark Regional High School, on SaturdayApril 14, 2012. Motion was made and seconded to repay Lee and Rob for conference registration.
- 7. After attending the conference, easement monitoring was discussed. It was felt that going forward, third party easement holders should do the monitoring. Rob will get monitoring parcel info from Lee and check with the Forest Society and LCHIP re monitoring their easement holdings.
- 8. HCC Budget of 03/31/12 was discussed. Change in use Tax entry was in the wrong column. Fire foam and bill for Neatline? Jed will check.
- 9. Rob Knight notes that names on the HCC website were not complete. He will check with Robin at Town hall.

10. Jed got a list of major Town culverts. Culverts were matched to known streams. Interest in their ability to serve as fish passages. Jed will coordinate a culvert survey.

Meeting adjourned at 2116 EDT. Next meeting is Tuesday May15, 2012 at 1930 EST @ HMS. Erick is host. Thanks to Jed for "homemade" cookies and juice.

Respectfully submitted, Lee Wilder HCC Secretary